

# Neighborhood News

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**Mayor of Albuquerque**

## **Dreamed of Starting Your Own Business - Checkout Innovation Central**

Have you dreamed of starting your own business but don't know how to start? Perhaps now that you've read that - it's sounding like a good idea?

Maybe you are a creative thinker bursting with enthusiasm about too many things at once and would enjoy meeting new imaginative people?

Are you tired of the status quo in Albuquerque and ready to get involved with others who are taking selfless action to improve the city's economic future?

If you answered yes to any of the above, there are people and places in Albuquerque's evolving innovation district Downtown that want to get to know you, help you, inspire you and hear what you have to say. Yes, YOU! It doesn't matter if you are an artist, tinkerer, researcher or just have an idea to share.

The City's Economic Development Department has been a catalyst for the innovation district, called Innovation Central which exists within about a one mile radius of Broadway Boulevard and Central Avenue. Due to the City's partnerships with public and private entities interested in growing our small business based economy the area is quickly becoming the hub of Albuquerque's entrepreneurial scene.

About this time last year, new incubators and accelerators have popped up, adding to existing resources; additional infrastructure is developing to meet the needs of small businesses; and regular social and professional activities for entrepreneurs have swollen with attendance.

If you're now thinking, "But wait, I'm not an entrepreneur; I'm not even sure what that means," that's OK. You might be one without knowing it. There are resources and activities – **FREE of charge** – that can help you find out.

Innovation Central is nothing if not inclusive. Its primary purpose: to help people connect to create.

Below are two free weekly events that cater to people who want to share their ideas, who are seeking business connections, need help finding resources to start their own business or would like to assist or learn more about current and developing Innovation Central Initiatives. For more information visit <[abqic.com](http://abqic.com)> which is anticipated to be operational at the end of March.

**Entrepreneurial Office Hours: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Verge Building**, 317 Commercial Street NE. Meet in 15-minute increments with serial entrepreneurs, accountants, attorneys and other providers and resources.

**1 Million Cups: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Wednesdays at FatPipe ABQ**, 200 Broadway Boulevard NE in the old Albuquerque High School complex. Two local entrepreneurs present their startups to a diverse audience of mentors, advisors, entrepreneurs and other creative individuals during 60 minute gatherings. Followed by networking.

Spread the word and take your friends!



## APD Crime Prevention Submitted by Steve Sink



### Telephone Scam Awareness

Hundreds of scam phone calls are being made to Albuquerque residents every day and it appears these calls continue to be on the increase. The callers claim to represent a variety of interests, ranging from important governmental services, court proceedings, promises of riches and family members in trouble. They attempt to catch us off guard and provoke worry, hesitation and action. The threat of jail, financial destruction and the demise of a family member tend to get our attention. The scammer's have a fundamental goal – separate you from your money. They disguise this attempt in a variety of ways. However, there can be a very easy way to avoid becoming a scam victim in today's world. If someone initiates a call to you and they want to give you a prize or demand money for any reason that is the beginning of a scam. We can no longer trust an incoming call as legitimate. Review the following information and learn to control the telephone and reduce the possibility of becoming a scam victim.

#### Recently Reported Telephone Scams

- IRS/US Treasury – The caller claims you are delinquent in your taxes and must pay by a prepaid cash card, credit card or through Western Union immediately to avoid arrest, deportation, loss of license, etc.
  - The IRS and/or the U.S. Treasury will never call you directly if problems exist with your taxes. They will never use scare tactics or threatening language. If you feel like looking into the matter, call your tax preparer or contact the IRS at **1-800-829-1040** for accurate information.
- Failure to Appear for Jury Duty – The caller demands you pay a court issued fee to settle a warrant for your arrest. They demand you purchase a prepaid cash card for restitution or you will be arrested.
  - Jury duty obligations will always be sent to you. If you want to officially check your status contact Metro Court at **505-841-8151** or District Court at **505-841-8400**.

- Hi Grandma/Grandpa, I'm in Trouble – Caller claims to be a grandson or granddaughter who have been arrested or detained. The location refers to Mexico, Canada or states a long distance away. Callers will pose as the family member or as an official representative of the reported jurisdiction. They will ask you not to contact the child's parents. The reason for arrest varies but the scam attempt is the same – money must be sent immediately to post bail and/or to pay court costs.

- Verify the jurisdiction and initiate a call to them. Always contact parents to confirm the child's location. Never offer names of grandchild, rather ask for their name and a fact that only they would know.

#### Related Issues

- Never send money or provide credit card information based on a telephone call. Always verify first.
- If a caller claims you have won a prize, but you must pay a fee, discontinue the call immediately.
- If you don't recognize a telephone number, don't answer the phone. If a message is left from an unknown number, do not return the call.
- If you get a scam call, report it to the NM Attorney General Office at **1-800-678-1508**.
- If you think you have been a victim of a scam call the following numbers:
  - Albuquerque Police Department Telephone Report Unit at **505-768-2030** to file a police report.
  - Contact your bank or credit card company if these accounts are involved.
  - Contact the Federal Trade Commission at **1-800-269-0271**.
  - Contact one of the Credit Reporting Agency's to place a Fraud Alert on you.
    - Equifax at **1-800-525-6285**.
    - Experian at **1-800-397-3742**.
    - Trans Union at **1-800-680-7289**.

These are currently the most common telephone scam attempts. There will undoubtedly be different ones in the future. Stay alert and remember if you receive a call from an unknown number and they want money immediately for any reason – this is the start to a scam. Control your phone and don't be a victim.

Call the APD Crime Prevention Unit at **505-244-6644**.

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## Cultural Services Department

*Submitted by Isabella Oms*

### Special Events

#### Elvis Live on the Plaza

Few people know that Elvis Presley spent some time in Albuquerque, and even performed at the old Armory on April 12, 1956! Elvis had just released his first single, "Heartbreak Hotel," which was storming up Billboard's Top 100. He also stayed at the Bottger Hotel in Historic Old Town! Join us for a celebration of Elvis and his music in the Old Town Gazebo on Friday, April 10, 2015 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Activities will include Elvis impersonations and karaoke and fun food and drink.



#### Fiestas de Albuquerque

Come celebrate Albuquerque's birthday in Historic Old Town! Enjoy the history and traditions of our City with live entertainment, **FREE** children's activities, artist demonstrations, local food, shopping and fun for the whole family. Fiestas de Albuquerque takes place on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from noon to 5 p.m. Don't miss the Founders' Day Procession at 3:30 p.m.

Showcasing the five eras of Albuquerque's history, enjoy music, performances and demonstrations. You won't want to miss this epic celebration featuring Sorela, the famous singing duo with an unmatched combination of beauty, talent, poise, experience and ambition. The National Institute of Flamenco, Filipino Cultural Foundation Dancers and other local bands like Mariachi Tradicional and The Porter Draw will also perform.



## NM Attorney General's Office

*Submitted by James Hallinan*

### New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas Alerts Taxpayers about IRS Phone Scams

IRS imposters are calling using fake names, titles and badge numbers in New Mexico. They may know the last four digits of your Social Security Number, may have caller ID information that appears to be the IRS calling, they may send bogus e-mails to you and they may call back numerous times claiming to be from the police or from the Department of Motor Vehicles with caller ID again appearing to be from these agencies.

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas alerts taxpayers: "Do not fall victim to IRS telephone scams and these imposters using scare tactics. Do not give out any personal identifiers to these imposters."

#### **Be Aware of these Red Flags:**

- IRS calls to inform you that you have an outstanding debt;
- IRS calls and threatens those who refuse to pay with arrest, deportation or loss of a business or driver's license;
- IRS calls and states that you must pay immediately using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer;
- IRS calls and asks for a credit card number over the phone to pay an outstanding debt.

**These are high pressure scare tactics and should raise a Red Flag!**

#### **The TRUTH is:**

- The IRS does not call taxpayers and use scare tactics or threatening language and state that you must pay immediately.
- The IRS does not call and state you must pay immediately using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer.
- The IRS does not ask for a credit card number over the phone.
- The IRS does not request personal or financial information by e-mail, texting or any social media.

If you get a call from an IRS imposter asking for payment hang up and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General at **1-800-366-4484** or file a complaint on-line at: <http://www.treasury.gov/tigta> or with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.FTC.gov](http://www.FTC.gov). Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint.

Any IRS scam e-mails that you receive should be forwarded to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

If you think you might owe federal taxes, call the IRS at **1-800-829-1040**. The IRS employees can help you with your payment questions.



Planning Department  
Submitted by Linda Rumpf



### 50 Mile Activity Loop Update

The 50 Mile Activity Loop is the City of Albuquerque's proposed 50 mile, multi-use trail and bikeway facility that aims to fill the gaps in our existing trails and bikeways facilities to create a bicycling, running and walking loop around the city. The project benefits quality of life and health and wellness for locals with opportunities for economic development, tourism and special events.

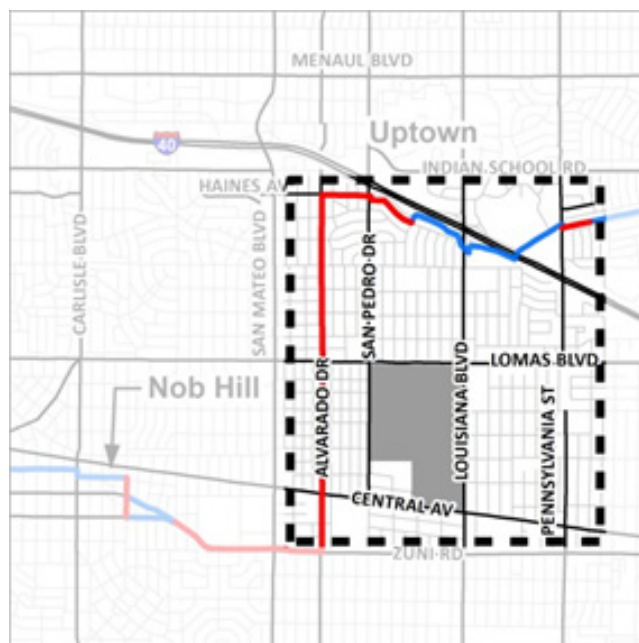
#### Phase 1: Uptown to Nob Hill

The first project will connect Uptown to Nob Hill via on street and multi use trail facilities. Key features of the project include traffic signal upgrades, additional signage and striping along the route and intersection improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists at Pennsylvania Street and Winrock Loop, Haines Avenue and San Pedro Drive and Lomas Boulevard and Alvarado Drive. A bike and pedestrian bridge will be installed over the Embudo Arroyo just east of Pennsylvania Street to improve connections from the neighborhoods to Winrock Mall.

The City is in the process of awarding a contract to a contractor selected in a recent bid solicitation. Construction is expected to begin in the next few weeks and will take approximately 150 days to complete.

#### Learn more

For more information, please visit our website <[abqtheplan.cabq.gov](http://abqtheplan.cabq.gov)> or contact the Planning Department by e-mail at <[theplan@cabq.gov](mailto:theplan@cabq.gov)> or by phone 505-924-3860.



#### Why wait?



Get healthy! Get Active! Start walking or up your game with Step it UP! Visit <[www.stepitupabq.com](http://www.stepitupabq.com)> for more information. Sign up for **FREE** and receive a pedometer.

**Albuquerque Housing Authority**  
*Submitted by Brian Eagan*



## ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY

### **Take Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Provide Public Comment Regarding The Albuquerque Housing Authority Draft Public Housing Authority (PHA) Annual Plan and Proposed Revisions to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and The Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan**

The Albuquerque Housing Authority (AHA) will have a public comment period for its draft version of the 2015 Annual Plan and the proposed revisions to the AHA Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan (Admin Plan). Portions of these revised policies are incorporated within the draft version of the AHA 2015 Annual Plan. There will be a forty-five day public comment period commencing on February 27, 2015 through April 12, 2015. All comments should be made in writing and delivered to 1840 University Boulevard SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106 and made to the attention of Linda Bridge, Executive Director. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to <[LBridge@ABQHA.org](mailto:LBridge@ABQHA.org)> or sent by fax to: **505-764-3981**.

A Public Hearing to listen to public comments regarding the draft 2015 Annual Plan and the proposed revisions to both the ACOP and the Admin Plan will be conducted as follows:

Monday, April 13th, 2015 at 12 Noon at the Albuquerque Housing Authority Office  
Carnis Salisbury Building  
in the Manuel Cordova Conference Room  
1840 University Boulevard SE  
**505-764-3920**

The Albuquerque Housing Authority Board of Housing Commissioners will hold a public meeting to vote on the adoption of the 2015 AHA Annual Plan and proposed revisions to the Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy and Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at the AHA Administrative Office located at 1840 University Boulevard SE at 12 Noon.

Copies of the proposed revisions to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan, the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy, and the draft Public Housing Authority (PHA) Annual Plan are available for review and inspection at the AHA Administrative Office located at 1840 University Boulevard SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. An electronic version is available online at <[www.abqha.org](http://www.abqha.org)>.

AHA is committed to compliance with the American Disabilities Act. If have any special needs please contact AHA at **505-764-3915** to speak with a staff person who may assist you. The New Mexico Relay is available by dialing 7-1-1 for those with hearing impairments. Equal Housing Opportunity.

**Department of Family and  
Community Services**  
*Submitted by Marie Chavez*



**Home Owner Rehabilitaiton Program**  
**700 4th Street SW, Suite 'A'**  
**Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102**  
**505-767-5825**

If you are a homeowner and your home is in need of repair the City of Albuquerque may be able to help. With spring quickly approaching it's time to check our homes for any needed repairs that the winter weather may have caused. As you prepare for the warmer weather, it is a good time to take a look at the condition of your heaters, roofs, plumbing, etc. Many homeowners are struggling to make necessary repairs to their homes that can result in serious structural damage or health and safety hazards. Most repairs if not addressed immediately end up costing us more money and require additional repairs that could have been avoided.

The Home Owner Rehabilitation Program provides 0% interest loans to qualified homeowners. These loans allow homeowners to address code violations that make homes unsafe, unhealthy and sometimes unlivable. Some of these loans are forgivable and some may need to be paid back depending on the home owner's level of income.

### **What Home Improvements are Eligible?**

Repairs include, but are not limited to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical, heating or plumbing installations | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot water heaters   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roofs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement Windows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structural damage                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Insulation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap accessible bathrooms                 |  |

### **Who is Eligible?**

Generally you may qualify for a housing rehabilitation loan if:

- You own and occupy a home within the municipal boundaries of the City of Albuquerque and you have lived in the house as your primary residence for at least one year prior to application.
- Your home has code violation(s).
- Your property taxes are paid up-to-date.
- Your household income does not exceed the federal guidelines.

**If your income falls within these  
limits, you may qualify for the  
City of Albuquerque's  
Home Owner Rehabilitation  
Program!**



Family Size	2014 Income
1.....	\$33,500
2.....	\$38,300
3.....	\$43,100
4.....	\$47,850
5.....	\$51,700
6.....	\$55,550
7.....	\$59,350
8.....	\$63,200

Note: 2015 Income Guidelines will be published in March 2015.

The Office of Neighborhood Revitalization staff will examine your income and property to determine if you and your house qualify for housing rehabilitation loan assistance.

Funds are currently available; however, they are limited. In order to obtain an application you must attend an Orientation meeting. Orientations are normally held four times a year. Please contact our office for dates and times of upcoming meetings. Orientations are held at the Office of Neighborhood Revitalization. We can be reached at **505-767-5825**.

## Solid Waste Management Department

*Submitted by Mila Romero*

### 2015 Spring Green Waste Collection

Solid Waste Management Department residential customers can recycle their green waste for **FREE!**

**When:** May 4, 2015 - May 15, 2015 on your regular trash and recycle pickup day.

**Description:** City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Residential Customers can take advantage of **FREE** green waste pickup. Green waste will be collected on your regular trash and recycle collection day during the following weeks:

- May 4 – May 8
- May 11 – May 15

**Instructions:** Solid Waste residential customers must place green waste — such as leaves, grass and brush — in trash bags.

- Bags must not weigh more than 40 pounds each.
- Branches must be cut to four-foot lengths and bundled securely.
- Items for green recycling must be placed at the curb for collection by 7 a.m. on the regular trash pickup day.
- Items should be placed 5 feet away from automated trash containers.

#### Prohibited Items

Collection crews won't pick up the following items:

- Dirt.
- Construction debris.
- Gravel.
- Construction material.
- Tree stumps.

Price: **FREE**

### Looking For an Easy Way to Meet Your Neighbors

Do you miss the days when neighbors use to visit more? Do you wish your neighborhood was cleaner? Adopting a Median can help with that. There are four great ways your neighborhood can benefit from Adopting a Median:

1. You can meet your neighbors.
2. Create an opportunity to beautify your neighborhood.
3. It helps to reduce crime rates.
4. Creates neighborhood pride through volunteer opportunities.

Each month individuals have to maintain their adopted site. While keeping the area clean, new relationships can be formed with your neighbors. These relationships can lead to lifetime friendships.

Keeping your median clean and beautiful creates a safer environment. Clean medians eliminate obstructions from over grown limbs or bushes. Both driving and crossing streets becomes an easier task when medians are maintained. Beautifying medians also allows the neighborhood an opportunity to keep its gateway clean. Cleaner neighborhoods also attract the right kind of resident when vacancies occur.

A clean environment can also help to reduce crime rates. Recently the University of Pennsylvania discovered through a study that crime rates were reduced when an area is spruced up (see 1 below). Simply put, criminals avoid neighborhoods that are clean and tidy. According to the "Broken Window Theory" by George Kelling and James Wilson, an orderly environment leads to crime reduction. Do your part and help keep the criminal element out of your neighborhood by Adopting a Median.



Adopting a Median can also help to restore pride in your community through volunteer opportunities. Volunteering in your neighborhood and community is good for the mind and body. Volunteering also provides individual health benefits in addition to social ones. Volunteering to Adopt a Median can be something new and interesting in your life. You never know, you might discover a new hobby.

Adopt a Median today and take part in one of Albuquerque's greatest neighborhood/volunteer opportunities. Call Keep Albuquerque Beautiful to Adopt your Median at **505-761-8334**.



1. February 26, 2015, 1:26 p.m.: Researchers at University Of Pennsylvania Find Connection Between Clean Neighborhoods And Crime Reduction, <<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2012/05/14/penn-researchers-beautifying-a-neighborhood-may-make-it-safer/>>.



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<b>Wednesday, March 18</b> •DRB - 9 a.m. •AHA - 12 p.m. • <b>District 4 Coalition</b> - 7 p.m.	<b>NO MEETINGS IN APRIL FOR:</b> • DRB - April 1 (Spring Break) • <b>District 8 Coalition</b>	<b>Thursday, April 9</b> •EPC Public Hearing - 8:30 a.m. • <b>South Valley Coalition</b> - 6:30 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, April 21</b> •ZHE - 9 a.m.
<b>Thursday, March 19</b> •AAB - 8:15 a.m.	<b>Wednesday, April 1</b> • <b>Westside Coalition</b> - 7 p.m. • <b>District 7 Coalition</b> - 7 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, April 15</b> •DRB - 9 a.m. •AHA - 12 p.m. <b>District 4 Coalition</b> - 7 p.m.	
<b>Friday, March 20</b> 	<b>Thursday, April 2</b> EPC Case Distribution - 3 p.m.	<b>Thursday, April 16</b> • AAB - 8:15 a.m. • <b>East Gateway Coalition</b> - 6:30 p.m.	
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b> •BOA - 9 a.m.	<b>Monday, April 6</b> •City Council - 5 p.m.	<b>Monday, April 20</b> • City Council - 5 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, April 28</b> •BOA - 9 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b> •DRB - 9 a.m.	<b>Tuesday, April 7</b> •SWAN - 6 p.m.		<b>Wednesday, April 29</b> •DRB - 9 a.m.
<b>Thursday, March 26</b> • <b>District 8 Coalition</b> - 7 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, April 8</b> •DRB - 9 a.m. •LUCC - 3 p.m.		

### 2015 CALENDAR/LEGEND

**AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Albuquerque International Sunport, 3rd Floor, Aviation Department Administrative Office Conference Room, 2200 Sunport Boulevard SE

**AHA** - Albuquerque Housing Authority, Carnis Salisbury Building, Manuel Cordova Conference Room, 1840 University Boulevard SE, **505-764-3915**

**BOA** - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room Basement Level, 600 Second Street NW

**City Council** - Vincent E. Griego Council Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall

**District 4 Coalition** - North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, Community Room, 7521 Carmel Avenue NE

**District 7 Coalition** - Grant Middle School, Library, 1111 Easterday NE

**District 8 Coalition** - Holiday Park Community Center, 11710 Comanche Road NE

**East Gateway Coalition** - Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth Street SE

**EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

**EPC Case Distribution** - Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

**LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol, Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW

**SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, Sheriff's Department South Area Command, 2039 Isleta Boulevard SW

**SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighbors, Alamosa Multi-Purpose Center, 6900 Gonzales Road SW

**Westside Coalition** - Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina Drive NW

**ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner Office - Plaza del Sol Building, 3rd Floor, **505-924-3894**; ZHE Hearing are held in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, (Basement Level), 600 Second Street NW



## EPC Hearing Notice

Neighborhood Alert - Be aware that public comments at EPC Meeting have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Department no later than **9 a.m.** on the **2nd Tuesday** of the Public Hearing Week. For an Appeal Hearing - no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information - please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (*i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda*). All staff may be reached at **505-924-3860**.
- On the day of the EPC Public Hearing, call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the EPC Public Hearing.
- Staff Reports are available at the Planning Department beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **1st Thursday** prior to the EPC Public Hearing.

**On the 1st Thursday of each month**, the EPC has a **Case Distribution** to review the applications scheduled for the all-day Public Hearing which occurs on the **2nd Thursday of each month**.

As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Case Distribution, however, ***Case Distributions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC.*** Case Distributions regularly begin at **3 p.m.** in the Planning Department Hearing Room, Plaza Del Sol Building. Please call the Planning Department at **505-924-3860** to confirm the Case Distribution schedule will happen at the times listed as time adjustments are made occasionally.

The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.** in the **Planning Department Hearing Room**, (basement level), **600 Second Street NW** for the following case:

### Northeast

**Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Inc., Citizen's Information Committee of Martineztown, Huning Highland Historic District, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, Silver Hill, Spruce Park, Sycamore, University Heights, Victory Hills, Martineztown Work Group, No Coalitions (neighborhood/homeowner association/coalition); 15EPC-40008, Project #1000596 (case #'s);** Approximately 14 acres located on the Elm Street NE between Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue NE and Fruit Avenue NE (**location of request**); J-14-15 & K-14-15 (**zone atlas page #**); David Aube, The Hartman & Majewski Design Group at **505-998-6430**, agent for Lovelace Medical Center (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests an Amendment to the Sector Development Plan for Subdivision for removing the three level structure located on the northern side of the site, to the east of the Medical Towers Building and to relocate the Bulk Oxygen Storage area approximately 50 feet from its current location (**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **505-924-3935**, e-mail: <clehner@cabq.gov>. (**City staff planner**)

**Academy Acres North, Albuquerque Meadows Resident, District 4 Coalition of NA's; 15EPC-40010, Project #1002455;** Approximately 1.4 acres located on San Antonio Drive NE between San Pedro Drive NE and I-25 Freeway; E-18; Consensus Planning, Inc. at **505-764-9801**, agent for SROUP, Co.; Requests a Zone Map Amendment from SU-1 for C-1 Uses to SU-1 for C-2 Uses to allow the establishment of a restaurant and micro-brewery including sale of liquor (beer) for off-site consumption; Vicente Quevedo at **505-924-3357**, e-mail: <vquevedo@cabq.gov>.

### Southwest

**Barelas, Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Inc., Citizen's Information Committee of Martineztown, Downtown, Huning Highland Historic District, Martineztown Work Group, Raynolds Addition, Santa Barbara-Martineztown, South Broadway, Downtown Action Team; 15EPC-40009, Project #1010380;** Approximately .16 acres located on Gold Avenue SW between 6th Street SW and 7th Street SW; Boese Brothers Brewing, LLC at **575-317-6378**; Requests an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for Building Permit for supplemental wholesale use to distribute Boese Brothers Brewing Beer to local bars and restaurants within downtown Albuquerque; Maggie Gould at **505-924-3910**, e-mail: <mgould@cabq.gov>.

## Planning Department

Submitted by Mikaela Renz-Whitmore



IMPROVING PLACE FROM PLANNING TO ZONING

### ABC TO Z UPDATE

ABC to Z is an ambitious two-year project to update the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan and to simplify and integrate the city's zoning and development regulations to implement the resulting plan in Albuquerque.

The update of the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) and the creation of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) are concurrent, related efforts with the Comprehensive Plan update to be completed first as the framework for the subsequent UDO effort.

Many thanks to those who could join us in early February at the kick-off events for the ABC to Z project. Over the course of three days, approximately 350 people participated in focus groups, public meetings and open houses and a City tour for the consultant team.



*Don Elliot from the consultant team introduced ABC to Z at the public meeting in February*

#### Moving forward:

- The project consultants are currently working behind the scenes: Fregonese & Associates on modeling scenarios for the Comp Plan update and Clarion Associates on zoning strategies to address problems with the City's current regulatory system based in part on input from the kick-off events. Members of the consultant team will be meeting with the City's Development Process Manual (DPM) Executive Committee to confirm a strategy for updating the City's technical standards for subdivision and development.
- Public Workshops for the Comp Plan update will be held in May and June 2015 in locations throughout the metropolitan area (City and unincorporated Bernalillo County). They will include educational presentations and interactive visioning activities.
- Public consultation on Zone Districts and Permitted Uses for the UDO is also slated for Summer 2015. Stay tuned!

## Timeline: Project Outline

Year 1:	Comp Plan	UDO
Feb. 2015	Public Kickoff	
March – April 2015	Modeling / Analysis	Assessment / Analysis
May-June 2015	Public Workshops	Module 1: Zone Districts & Uses
July 2015	Comp Plan Updates	"
August 2015	"	Module 1: Public Review
Sept. 2015	"	Module 2: Zoning & Subdivision Standards
Oct. 2015	Draft Update: Public Review	"
Nov. 2015	Begin Approval Process	"

Watch for  
Public  
Meetings

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#### Learn More

For more information and to sign up for updates, please visit the project webpage <[www.abc-zone.com](http://www.abc-zone.com)>.

Visit us on Facebook at <<https://www.facebook.com/abc-tozoning>>.

Or contact: Mikaela Renz-Whitmore, Project Planner, 505-924-3932 or <[mrenz@cabq.gov](mailto:mrenz@cabq.gov)>.

#### AFD

Submitted by  
Lieutenant Brian Fox



As the 2015 Wildland Fire Season approaches the Albuquerque Fire Department has completed several important trainings to be prepared for an unpredictable season. Open Space patrols will start in June and will cover the West Mesa, Foothills and the Bosque. You have the potential to make a significant impact of wildland fire prevention as citizens. No matter whether you own ¼ acre or ten, as a landowner you have a considerable role to play in the process of community resiliency to wildfire.

#### How do you reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfire?

- Manage for the survival of healthy trees and remove the unhealthy ones.
- Thin out stressed and unhealthy trees.
- Remove ladder fuels – create a vertical separation between taller trees and lower growing vegetation so that a ground fire cannot climb into the canopy.
- Thin out dense underbrush.

This is referred to as “harden your home”. To learn more on how to make your home safe against wildfire and participate in wildfire prevention, please contact Lt. Brian Fox at <[bfox@cabq.gov](mailto:bfox@cabq.gov)> for a community presentation or visit our website for additional fire safety tips, go to <[www.cabq.gov/fire](http://www.cabq.gov/fire)>.

**NM State Association of Parliamentarians**

*Submitted by Janice Strand*



**2015 Smart Meetings Seminar  
“Preparing for Effective Meetings”**

Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 8 a.m. – 12 noon, Crown Plaza Hotel, 1901 University Boulevard NE.  
\$50 Early Bird Registration or \$60 at the door, includes continental breakfast & course materials.

Access Early Bird Registration form at <[www.nmsap.org](http://www.nmsap.org)> or e-mail <[jan\\_str@msn.com](mailto:jan_str@msn.com)>.

Concurrent sessions are being offered. All sessions are appropriate to any level of experience and are taught by Professional Registered Parliamentarians, in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, Eleventh Edition.

Notice that the presenters are professionals from other states!! A special privilege for attendees! New Mexico is hosting a District 6 meeting including five states!

**Program**

8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Session 1</b>
Course A:	Preparing for a Meeting. Dennis Clark, PRP, Texas Participate in an unscripted mock meeting in which participants take on various roles, present motions, debate, etc., just as they might in a real meeting.
Course B:	Preparing for Committee Work. Sandy Olson, PRP, Nebraska Effective committees are the lifeblood of any organization. Join us in “Preparing for Effective Committees” as we interactively play the necessary roles in committee development and progress through the successful completion of a committee’s goals. Are you ready to commit?
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<b>Session 2</b>
Course A:	Preparing for Electronic Meetings. Kay Crews, PRP, Texas Learn how to prepare for your electronic meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* determine the right kind of electronic meeting for your organization.</li><li>* create provisions in the bylaws to allow electronic meetings.</li><li>* develop standing rules to help electronic meetings work more efficiently.</li><li>* explore the various services and tools to allow you to have a successful meeting.</li></ul>
Course B:	Come prepared to share your experiences! Preparing to Win: The Use of Persuasion. Alison Wallis, JD, PRP, Louisiana How can you use the rules to your advantage? How can you get your group to see things your way? Knowing the rules of debate and the law of meetings, as well as fundamental principles of persuasion from the masters, will ensure your voice is heard, your vote is counted and your cause may triumph.
11 a.m. – 12 noon	<b>Session 3 (General Session)</b> Preparing for Presiding. Daniel E Seabold, PRP, a member of the authorship team, Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, Eleventh Edition.

Registration is available online at <[www.nmsap.org](http://www.nmsap.org)>.

Educational publications will be available for sale at event - cash and checks are accepted. For additional information call Jan Strand, NMSAP Treasurer at **505-821-5227**.

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